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SUBJECT: MANILA PRESS REPORTS ROMULO ABROGATES MILITARY PACTS
WITH US

1. MANILA PRESS OF APRIL 15 GIVES PROMINENT ATTENTION
TO SECRETARY ROMULO'S STATEMENT IN WASHINGTON THAT AS BASE
TALKS BEGIN PHILIPPINE SIDE IS "NOT ENCUMBERED BY PRO-
VISIONS OF ANY SUBSISTING MILITARY AGREEMENTS" WITH THE US.
BULLETIN TODAY CAPTIONS ITS FRONT PAGE STORY "RP
ABROGATES ALL MILITARY PACTS WITH US." DAILY EXPRESS
LEADS ITS FRONT PAGE PIECE WITH "BASES TALKS STARTING
FROM SCRATCH-CPR." BELOW THE EYE CATCHING CAPTIONS, THE
STORIES DO LITTLE MORE THAN STIR OVER FAMILIAR HASH AND
ARE SINGULARLY UNEXCEPTIONABLE. THE DAILY EXPRESS NOTES
TOWARD THE END OF ITS RAMBLING PIECE THAT "AS THINGS
NOW STAND NEITHER THE PHILIPPINES NOR THE UNITED
STATES APPEARS PREPARED TO DO AWAY WITH CLARK FIELD
AIR BASE IN ANGELES, PAMPANGA OR WITH SUBIC NAVAL
BASE IN ZAMBALES."

2. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT EFFECT ASSERTION THAT GOP
HAS ABROGATED EXISTING MILITARY PACTS WITH US WILL HAVE
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ON OUR CURRENT PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS AT THE BASES.

WE CAN PROBABLY EXPECT PROBING ACTION ON A WIDE VARIETY
OF BASE-RELATED ISSUES IN THE DAYS AHEAD. STULL

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